

II. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 10-16, 19, and 21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 19, and 21 are independent. Claims 6-9, 17-18, 20, and 22 have been cancelled.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-5, 10-16, 19 and 21 are allowed. While specifically traversing the rejections from the Office Action, and preserving Applicant's right to file a continuation application to pursue the broad but patentable claims, Claims 18, 20, and 22 have been cancelled to overcome the objection thereto, solely to secure immediate allowance of the present application.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given blow.

Respectfully submitted,

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